

REMARKS

The Applicant has carefully read and reviewed the Office Action mailed July 24, 2003, and the references enclosed therewith. Claim 11 was rejected. Claims 1-10 and 15-21 were allowed. Claims 12-14 were objected to. Claims 11 and 13 have been amended. Claim 12 has been canceled. Claims 1-11 and 13-21 are still pending in the application.

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's finding of allowable subject matter in claims 1-10 and 15-21.

Claims 13-14 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Applicant believes that Claim 11 has been amended to put it in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn.

Claim 11 was rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Watanabe et al. (US 6,201,655). Applicant believes that claim 11 has been amended to overcome this rejection and respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn. Specifically, claim 11 has been amended to incorporate similar limitations as previously objected to claim 12.

For these reasons, Applicant respectfully asserts that the present claims particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which is regarded as the invention. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and favorable action with respect to the present application is requested.

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